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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 6, 2002. Submitted herewith is a request for a three-month extension of time and appropriate fee, making a response due on or before February 6, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

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